crimes on trains, However, apart from sending advisories to them, the Central Government has been providing financial assistance to the State Governments for strengthening their policing infrastructure. The Ministry of Railways has also drawn up an action plan which, inter alia, includes regular meetings between the Government Railway Police (GRP) and the Railway Protection Force (RPF), checking entry into trains and platforms and modernisation of the Railway Protection Force, etc.

Implementation of recommendations of national police commission

858. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a special task force for implementation of the recommendations of the National Police Commission which was set up in 1977 to improve the working of the Police Force;

(b) if so, the composition thereof;

(c) the reasons for such a long delay on the part of Government in implementation of the recommendations of the National Police Commission; and

(d) the measures proposed to be taken for early decision on the above recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (d) National Police Commission submitted 8 reports. The first report was considered at a Conference of Chief Ministers held at New Delhi in June, 1979 and was laid on the Table of the House on 1.2.1980. The other 7 reports of the Commission were also forwarded to all State Governments/UT Administrations for consideration and appropriate action, and laid on the Table of the House on 30.3.1983.

'Police' being a State subject, it is primarily for the State Governments to implement the recommendations of the National Police Commission. However, the Central Government have been requesting them to ensure expeditious action on the implementation of these recommendations. Responses received from the States indicate that the reports have ben considered by them, and action has been taken to implement many of the recommendations considered appropriate by them. The State Governments have once again been addressed in April, 1997 and a high powered Committee with the following composition has also been constituted to identify major recommendations of the Commission to be implemented by different authorities:—

(i)	Special Secretary (ISP), MHA	— Chairman
(ii)	Director, SVP, MPA	— Member
(iii)	DG, CRPF	-- Member
(iv)	DG, BPR&D	— Member
(v)	ADdl. Secretary (Home), MHA	— Member
(vi)	Joint Secretary (CS), MHA	— Member
(vii)	Joint Secretary (UT), MHA	— Member
(viii)	Joint Secretary (Police), MHA	— Member-Secy.
(ix)	Joint Director, SVP NPA	— Alternate Member
(x)	Director (R&D), BPR&D	— Alternate Member.

Gang Rape and Murder in Haryana

859. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state Government's reaction on the gang rape and murder of a hapless girl in Haryana's Nuh district and subsequent attack on a team of the National Commission of Women on August 14, 1997?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): As 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, it is assentially for the State Governments to check crime against women and other vulnerable sections of the society. The Central Government, however, has, from time to time, been writing to the State Governments regarding the preventive, punitive and